

SUMMARY
Agriculture, Fish and Water (AFW) Process
ID Executive Committee – Meeting #3

Date: May 15 – 16, 2000

Place: Mickey O'Reilly's Inn at the River

Attendees: See attendee list

May 15th – Presentations and Field Trip

The Exec. Cmte. and other participants were provided an overview of the Wenatchee Reclamation District's organization and operations, which included a tour of the facility and also visited the following sites:

- Canal system
- Dryden Dam & fish screen operations
- Tandy fish screen & Headwork Peshastin irrigation system
- Gunn Ditch fish screen

May 16th – Business Meeting

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES, DECISIONS, AND ACTIONS:

1. Review and Approval of March 13 – 14 Exec. Cmte. Meeting Minutes:

- After introductions were made, the Committee approved the minutes without any changes.

2. July Exec. Cmte. Meeting Discussion:

- July 17th, Salmon Creek Tour – Mike R. and Paula S. need an exact headcount for folks who will be attending the tour. **Please RSVP.**
- July 18th, Business Meeting – Due to high hotel room rates at Lake Chelan in July, the Committee decided to move the meeting to the Okanogan area to best accommodate participants. **Paula S. will handle the logistics.**

3. 4(d) rule Update:

- Tim T. gave a brief update on the 4(d) rule language. AFW language has been written and will be acknowledged in the 4(d) rule, standing neutral on pesticides. Various comments from folks had been received and were incorporated into the language. Any

additional suggestions to the language need to be made to NMFS.

- Change to the language made during the meeting: 2nd to last sentence in the first paragraph – Change “could” to “will”.
- A pesticide technical team has been developed to include state and federal participants that will meet and review pesticides with OPP from DC. They are currently looking at aquatic pesticides and Diazinon and will begin looking at others once a DC contact has been made.

4. Guidelines Development Report:

Table of Contents, Tom M.:

- In the last 2 months, minor changes have been made, specifically around Ch. 5. The Workgroup is still working on the funding elements.
- It was suggested that in the near future the Workgroup would need to invest in a technical writer that will be able to put together the actual manual. Right now there is a patchwork of outlines and chapters that will need to be integrated into one document. Options are still open for discussion. **Linda C. offered to make an attempt to find WSDA project staff who are technical writers and then will report her findings.**

Chapter 4 Review, Tom M.:

- Tom M. walked through the discussion draft of ID’s inventory of operations. Ref. 38 was the model used to develop this chapter. The intent was to create an inventory template that is flexible for individual districts to write the way that best fits them. The Workgroup will continue to develop.

Chapter 5 Review, Mike R.:

- The goal of this chapter was to allow the regulatory agencies the ability to interact early with districts through the process. In general, it describes the organization of who’s involved, the process involved, approval process, etc.
- The Workgroup has seen this product and will continue to refine, creating a white paper on ESA options and tools in the near future. It has not yet been decided what compliance tool this process will follow. That decision will depend on the individual districts’ needs. Discussion will continue.

Aside (Funding Discussion):

- The group will need to have a detailed proposal to present to the congressional delegation by the end of summer, beginning of fall 2000, showing that everyone is in agreement and

comfortable with the current process. Federal agencies will have to submit funding requests this fall. The following steps should be taken:

- Identify your direction (i.e. Regional, Local, IDs)
- Meet IDs' needs plus statutory requirements
- And then...New funding (The above needs to be completed before funding should be asked for.)

- **Linda C. volunteered to pull together a funding subgroup and begin writing a funding chapter.**

Chapter 6/7 Review, Dan E.:

- An assessment subgroup has been developed and is currently working on narratives of the ESA and CWA assessment requirements. Key documents have begun to be produced with the hope of having rough drafts of the text to go with the chapter outline in the next couple of weeks:
 - NMFS' matrix of pathways and indicators
 - USFWS' bull trout guidance
 - EPA's action to support high quality TMDLs

Aside:

- The group requested that any updates on Sen. Wyden's bill be routed to all participants.

5. Goals and Objectives:

- #1 – Change “fish” to “salmon and steelhead” or “salmonids”.
- **It was decided that Tim and Dan would continue to work with Tribal reps. and IDs to craft final language and gain an agreement.**

6. Colville Confederated Tribe Presentation:

- Jim P. gave a presentation on tribal involvement in AFW. He provided the group with a historical perspective of tribal reservation formation, tribal government, management philosophy, tribal department organization, fisheries history and current management, and trust relationship.
- The group expressed their appreciation to Jim for the Colville's participation.

AFW ID Exec. Cmte. Attendee List
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Name	Organization
Allan, A. Gary	Trout Unlimited
Bambrick, Dale	NMFS
Brown, Charlie	WA State Potato Commission
Bugert, Bob	Governor's Salmon Recovery Office
Carpenter, Jack	Kittitas Reclamation Dist.
Cross, Paul	LCRD
Erickson, Dick	ECBID
Evans, Dan	GTH
Fite, Walt	USBR
Franklin, Keith	QCBID
Gibbens, Merle	GCPHA
Gray, Bill	USBR
Jackson, Gerry	USFWS
Kaputa, Mike	Chelan County
Konovsky, John	WSCC
Landino, Steve	NMFS
Lee, Bob	Sen. Ag Committee
Mankowski, John	WDFW
Millam, Phil	EPA
Myrum, Tom	WSWRA
Priest, Jim	Colville Confederated Tribes
Robinson, Bill	Trout Unlimited
Rundlett, Mike	WSCC
Samuelson, Carl	WDFW
Schwisow, Mike	WSWRA
Smith, Rick	Wenatchee Reclamation Dist.
Vandemoer, Kate	NMFS
Wallace, Dick	DOE
Willis, Lynn	WSDA